



## SOTB1BA - Introduction

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Due to the importance of multilingualism in a society increasingly open to the world, the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus offers bilingual and trilingual programmes in sociology and anthropology. Two programmes are offered: either bilingual French/English, or trilingual French/Dutch/English, with 3 to 4 course units in the target language(s) per year of study.

Completing a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology in a trilingual French-English-Dutch programme is an asset for your future studies and your professional and social endeavours in a multicultural world, whether in Brussels, elsewhere in Belgium or abroad.

The trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's programme in sociology and anthropology at the Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus allows you to take part of your programme in English and Dutch: 4 courses each year (2 in English and 2 in Dutch).

Sociology and anthropology originate from the desire of modern societies to know more about themselves and about other societies, and to be able to influence their own actions.

The approach adopted by sociologists and anthropologists combines a capacity for analysis with an awareness of concrete realities (through survey techniques, field studies, etc.). It is both rigorous and creative. The field of study of these two disciplines is extremely vast: social change, gender relations, power, inequalities, globalisation, multiculturalism, cities and mobility, beliefs, family, sexuality, new media, social networks, ecological issues, health and well-being, etc.

From fundamental research to support in the decision-making process (consulting) and service to society, these two disciplines address a wide range of issues. In a world in constant turmoil, the knowledge and skills of sociologists and anthropologists are more relevant than ever.

#### Your profile

Would you like to understand the issues and social and cultural transformations in contemporary societies? Would you like to be an agent of change? An open mind, an interest in human relations, discovering the diversity of cultures and foreign languages, intellectual curiosity and constant attention to current events are basic prerequisites for sociology and anthropology students.

You have a basic knowledge of English and Dutch, allowing you to take courses in English and Dutch. There is no selection process for multilingual programmes.

- However, a written language test is held at the beginning of the year. It is used as a guide to assess language skills and to recommend or advise against a bilingual or trilingual programme.
- In the event of difficulties, there is the option to return to the unilingual programme in French, with language courses.

#### Your future job

Sociologists and anthropologists are valued for their ability to analyse the world we live in, while helping to solve the problems or reduce the tensions which arise in societies marked by change, complexity and diversity.

- Social intervention and political sphere (at local, regional, federal, European or international level)
- Organisations, associations and public authorities in the fields of youth aid, social action, migration, the environment, gender relations, employment, citizen participation, etc.
- Expertise (ministerial office, private consultancy, decision support)
- Political and economic (spatial planning and mobility management, migration flows, social and healthcare policies, precariousness and mental health, security and protection, etc.)
- Survey agencies, opinion polls, marketing services
- Associations and culture, social movements, feminist and solidarity organisations
- Staff services, human resources management, labour sciences
- Intercultural professions (at local level – mediation, interface, etc. – but also at global level – in companies or international organisations – involving the intersection of cultures: translation or facilitation functions, etc.)
- Development cooperation, humanitarian aid, non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- New professions linked to cultural innovation and communication (advertising, cyberculture, social networks, information management, etc.)
- Education and research

2. an increasingly specialised background in sociology and anthropology: (analysis of sociological theories, sociology of culture, special issues in anthropology, political sociology, analysis of public action, socio-anthropology of symbolics, analysis and theories of power, sociology of collective action, urban change and policies, etc.)
3. a methodological background in the form of courses and seminars covering a range of qualitative and quantitative methods in the humanities and social sciences (approach and methods in the social sciences, field methods, quantitative methods, etc.)
4. quality language instruction.

In the trilingual French-English-Dutch bachelor's programme in sociology and anthropology, four courses per year are taught in English and Dutch.

- First year: *Analyse van de media-instellingen, Sociologie (Dutch), Political science, Geopolitics*
- Second year: *Law and religion, Economie 1 (Dutch), Economics 2, Politieke sociologie*
- Third year: *Mens en organisatie, Milieu en samenleving, International Communications, Ethics and the Economy*

The courses are taught by native English speakers or faculty members who have completed all or part of their university studies in English. In addition, students continue to perfect their language skills by taking English and/or Dutch courses in first, second and third year.

Furthermore, during the second term of the third year, students may take part in an Erasmus exchange at a university in Europe, Asia, North America or South America, whose programmes are taught in a language other than French. Another option is for students who pass the June exam session to apply for a summer language study grant in Flanders or abroad.

### **Pursuing a dual bachelor's degree**

Our dual bachelor's degrees are one of the special features of UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Students can take a second bachelor's degree, in tandem with their main bachelor's degree. This means that they complete their main programme with a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 125 additional credits spread over several years. The additional bachelor's degree can be completed after the main bachelor's degree. A series of courses taken as part of the main programme count towards the additional bachelor's degree and are therefore no longer subject to assessment.

The dual bachelor's degree has the same value as the main bachelor's degree and provides immediate access to the corresponding master's degree.

The following second degrees are available:

- [Bachelor in Philosophy \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)
- [Bachelor in Law \[Dual Bachelor's degree for the holder of a Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology\]](#)

For further information, please contact the faculty administration: [espo-slb@uclouvain.be](mailto:espo-slb@uclouvain.be).

## SOTB1BA - Teaching profile

### Learning outcomes

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At the end of their bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, students will have acquired the following skills:

#### **I. A grounding in the core teachings and methods of the discipline**

- **A command of the fundamentals of sociology and anthropology, and their epistemological grounding, with a view to addressing the key research issues of the discipline**
- **A thorough grounding in sociology and anthropology, through general and specialised courses:** sociology, anthropology, analysis of sociological theories, political sociology, cultural sociology, special anthropological issues, socio-anthropology of symbolics, sociology of collective action, etc.

#### **II. Basic knowledge in fields complementary to sociology and anthropology**

- **The ability to draw on interdisciplinary knowledge from various fields of the humanities and social sciences** in order to analyse contemporary or historical social phenomena
- **General knowledge of the humanities and social sciences**, based on an understanding of the main postulates and teachings of the various disciplines, as well as their methods and the related ethical issues

#### **III. A grounding in the scientific method**

- **The ability to apply the rules and ethical principles of the scientific approach in sociology and anthropology**
- **The ability to gather and analyse quantitative and qualitative empirical data with discernment**
  - The ability to research, read, understand, question and summarise academic texts
  - The gradual ability to produce analytical work on contemporary social phenomena, on their own or as part of a team
  - The gradual ability to gather information using the most relevant quantitative and qualitative data collection methods (statistics, questionnaire surveys, interviews, observation methods, etc.)
- **The ability to carry out an analysis independently as well as jointly with peers**
- **Critical thinking and independent judgement**
- **The ability to communicate in a structured, relevant and reasoned manner, using the concepts and methods of the discipline**
  - The ability to communicate the results of an analysis in a clear, coherent, structured and well-presented manner, in both written and oral

## SOTB1BA Programme

### Detailed programme by subject

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2024-2025
- ⊖ Not offered in 2024-2025 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2024-2025 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

Year

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#### ○ Content:

#### ○ Sociology and Anthropology

○ BESPO1161	Sociology	Thierry Kochuyt (compensates Benedikte Zitouni) Benedikte Zitouni	NL
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Year

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⌘ BSPOL1310

Labour, employment and social protection 🟡

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## Course prerequisites

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The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified in the **detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

### Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.


For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](#).

### # Prerequisites list

<b>BANGL1292</b>	"English II" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1192
	• BANGL1192 - <a href="#">English I</a>
<b>BANGL1392</b>	"English III" has prerequisite(s) BANGL1292
	• BANGL1292 - <a href="#">English II</a>
<b>BCOMU1210</b>	"Communication, culture and social interactions" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1211</b>	"Corporate communication and public relations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1212</b>	"Social-history of media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1115
	• BPOLS1115 - <a href="#">Media institutions analysis</a>
<b>BCOMU1213</b>	"Intercultural communication" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1250</b>	"Media reception and media use" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1310</b>	"Semiotics" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1313</b>	"International communications" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1315</b>	"Communication and organisations" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BCOMU1316</b>	"Issues and practices of journalism" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1115
	• BPOLS1115 - <a href="#">Media institutions analysis</a>
<b>BCOMU1317</b>	"Public space, knowledge and media" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110
	• BPOLS1110 - <a href="#">Communication science</a>
<b>BDRAN1265</b>	"Law and Religion" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1176
	• BESPO1176 - <a href="#">Law</a>
<b>BECGE1326</b>	"Humans and organization" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
	• BESPO1161 - <a href="#">Sociology</a>
<b>BESPO1360</b>	"Ethics and the economy" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1173A OR BPOLS1127
	• BESPO1173A - <a href="#">Economics I</a>
	• BPOLS1127 - <a href="#">Economics II</a>
<b>BHDPO1312</b>	"International relations analysis" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BHDPO1315</b>	"EU politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BHDPO1316</b>	"Transformations and urban politics" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161
	• BESPO1161 - <a href="#">Sociology</a>
<b>BHDPO1317</b>	"Political parties and lobby groups" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1165
	• BESPO1165 - <a href="#">Political Science</a>
<b>BNEER1282</b>	"Dutch II" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1183

- BNEER1183 - [Dutch I](#)
- BNEER1382** "[Dutch III](#)" has prerequisite(s) BNEER1282
- BNEER1282 - [Dutch II](#)
- BPOLS1233** "[Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1252** "[Anthropology: special topics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BESPO1161 OR BPOLS1111
- BESPO1161 - [Sociology](#)
- BPOLS1111 - [Anthropology](#)
- BPOLS1320** "[Media and politics](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1110 OR BESPO1165
- BPOLS1110 - [Communication science](#)
- BESPO1165 - [Political Science](#)
- BPOLS1330** "[Quantitative methods I: data production](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1231
- BPOLS1231 - [Approach and methods in social sciences](#)
- BPOLS1331** "[Quantitative methods III: data analysis](#)" has prerequisite(s) BPOLS1233 AND BPOLS1330
- BPOLS1233 - [Quantitative methods II: statistics](#)
- BPOLS1330 - [Quantitative methods I: data production](#)
- BPOLS1352**



○ BPOLS1231	Approach and methods in social sciences	Karine Dejean Emmanuelle Lenel (compensates Nicolas Marquis)	EN [q2] [22.5h +15h] [5 Credits] 
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### ○ Languages

○ BANGL1192	English I	Gerlanda Cipolla Marleen Cré Sebastiano Ferrari Milena Fontana Julie George Garkov Priscilla Hemeleers Françoise Longrée (coord.) Isabelle Lukau Erwin Ochsenmeier (coord.) Melissa Uzumcuoglu	EN [q1+q2] [0h +30h] [5 Credits] 
○ BNEER1183			











[REDACTED]	1	Corporate communication and public relations 🇺🇵	Thomas Jacobs	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
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⊗ **Optional choice of one course unit among :**

[REDACTED]	1	BHDPO1312 International relations analysis 🇺🇵	Emmanuel Klimis (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BSPOL1312 International relations 🇺🇵	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BCOMU1317 Public space, knowledge and media 🇺🇵	Marie Dufrasne	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BCOMU1212 Social-history of media 🇺🇵	Geoffroy Patriarche	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BPOLS1320 Media and politics 🇺🇵	Dave Sinardet	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BHDPO1317 Political parties and lobby groups 🇺🇵	Olivier Paye	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BSPOL1310 Labour, employment and social protection 🇺🇵	Olivier Paye	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BSPOL1313 Comparative politics 🇺🇵	Yannick Vanderborght	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	316	The European Political System 🇺🇵	Denis Duez	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BHDPO1315 EU politics 🇺🇵	Valentina Brogna	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BSPOL1215 International Organizations 🇺🇵	Valentina Brogna (compensates Amandine Orsini)	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BHDPO1319 Intercultural relations and migrations	[REDACTED]	am Kolly EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
[REDACTED]	1	BSOCA1313 Historical sociology of European integration 🇺🇵	[REDACTED]	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐



- For any secondary school diploma **from a European Union country**, the admission request must contain the equivalence of your diploma or, at the very least, proof of the filing of the equivalence request with the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). For any information relating to obtaining an equivalence, please refer to [the following site](#).
- For any secondary school diploma **from a country outside the European Union**, the admission application must contain the [equivalence of your diploma](#) issued by the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French Community of Belgium). If you have a restrictive equivalence for the programme of your choice, in addition of it, you **must** have either the [DAES](#) or a certificate of successful completion of the [examination giving access to 1<sup>st</sup> cycle studies](#) when you submit your application

## Access based on validation of professional experience

Admission to undergraduate studies on the basis of accreditation of knowledge and skills obtained through professional or personal experience (Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Subject to the general requirements laid down by the authorities of the higher education institution, with the aim of admission to the undergraduate programme, the examination boards accredit the knowledge and skills that students have obtained through their professional or personal experience.

This experience must correspond to at least five years of documented activity, with years spent in higher education being partially taken into account: 60 credits are deemed equivalent to one year of experience, with a maximum of two years being counted. At the end of an assessment procedure organized by the authorities of the higher education institution, the Examination Board will decide whether a student has sufficient skills and knowledge to successfully pursue undergraduate studies.

After this assessment, the Examination Board will determine the additional courses and possible exemptions constituting the supplementary requirements for the student's admission.

## Special requirements to access some programmes

- Admission to

## Teaching method

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In addition to traditional lectures, which take place in moderate-sized auditoriums, active teaching practices encourage the use and development of theoretical, methodological and analytical skills.

Furthermore, the bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology includes more 'practical' learning activities, for example in the form of seminars or workshops based on student contributions and held in small groups. This allows students to be in close contact with professors and teacher-researchers within small working groups, and to implement approaches which make concrete use of the knowledge acquired during the programme.

The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus is located right in the centre of Brussels, with easy metro and train connections as well as other practical advantages. But above all, its location close to social stakeholders, associations, NGOs and national and European political institutions allows interactions and participation in activities to take place in relation to these stakeholders.

The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus places great importance on educational support for all bachelor's programmes. The Academic Guidance Service (AGS) offers a range of support activities.

## Evaluation

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***The evaluation methods comply with the regulations concerning studies and exams. More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".***

Assessments are generally carried out by means of an examination. In the case of seminars, they take into account the grades received for work submitted over the course of the year. Examinations are either written (for courses given to large groups of students) or oral. They focus not only on knowledge of the subject matter, but also on a student's ability to apply it to topics not discussed during the course.

Three examination sessions are organised during the academic year, in January, June and August/September. First-year students who do not achieve passing grades in the January session have up to two opportunities to retake specific examinations, in June and/or September.

## Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

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### Exchange programmes

UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles has exchange agreements with universities outside the French-speaking community of Belgium. These agreements allow students to take part of their bachelor's degree programme at a partner university while remaining enrolled at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles. Conversely, students from partner universities may take part of their bachelor's programme at UCLouvain Saint-Louis - Bruxelles.

Three types of exchange are available:

- Erasmus exchanges with universities in European Union countries
- Erasmus Belgica exchanges with Dutch-language Belgian universities
- exchanges with universities outside Europe, on the basis of bilateral agreements

Sociology and anthropology students can take part in an Erasmus exchange during the second term of year 3. [Find out more](#) about the proposed destinations. The exchange programme is equivalent to approximately 30 credits.

### Language study grants

The faculty awards grants to students for language courses in various destinations during the summer. The selection of candidates is based on their results and motivation.

Students who take part in an Erasmus exchange during year 3 may also take part in another Erasmus stay during their master's degree.

Find out more about the [language stays and study grants](#).

## Possible trainings at the end of the programme

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The Saint-Louis - Bruxelles campus specialises in the bachelor's degree. After your bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology, you can pursue your master's studies in the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles or at another university in Belgium or abroad (Europe, Canada, etc.).

### Master's degrees at UCLouvain

**Direct access**

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